

REVEALS BIG SWINDLES OF MRS. HAYES

Charles B. Manville Declares Public Lost Millions Through Operations of Woman Accused of Forgery.

Universal Service. New York, May 13.—"Like the wayfarer on the road from Jericho to Jerusalem, I fell among thieves. And I was beautifully trimmed."

"Mrs. Myrtle B. Hayes, my secretary and business adviser? Why, she is a member of one of the slickest confidence gangs in the country—a gang that used my name to steal millions of dollars from the public."

With this observation, Charles B. Manville, 89 years old, multi-millionaire, Sunday told an astonishing story of his business experiences with Myrtle Bowman Hayes, under indictment on a charge of Mrs. M. B. Hayes, forging the name of Charles M. Schwab to notes totalling \$325,000.

He frankly admitted he had been "stung."

As in the Schwab case, he believes his signature was forged, and the use of his name by the conspirators caused the flow of \$3,000,000 into the coffers of Myrtle Hayes and company, he claims.

The aged financier identified Mrs. Hayes as one of the prime movers in a big oil stock swindle whereby \$2,000,000 in practically worthless stock was unloaded on the public from coast to coast. This bubble was punctured a year ago and six were indicted.

RUSS WITHDRAW OFFENSIVE NOTE

Reply to Britain Conciliatory Conference Asked—

Krassin Speeding to London.

Universal Service. Special Cable Dispatch. London, May 13.—Leonid Krassin, head of the Russian trade delegation, is expected to reach here Monday. He is flying from Moscow by way of Berlin.

Krassin comes to plead for delay in the application of the British ultimatum, dispatched May 2, if England considers the Russian reply unsatisfactory.

A big communist mass meeting in Trafalgar Square Sunday afternoon passed a resolution against war with Russia.

All the speakers denounced Lord Curzon's note, calling it a "provocative ultimatum," and declaring that it is responsible for the present crisis and threatened hostilities.

RUSS ASK CONFERENCE.

Universal Service. Special Cable Dispatch.

Copenhagen, May 13.—The Russian reply to the British ultimatum asks for a conference to discuss all disputed points. The date and meeting place is left to the decision of the British government.

The answering note flatly denies any anti-British propaganda on the part of Russia, and the offensive Weinstein note is withdrawn by the Soviets.

LEAPS INTO RIVER, FIREMAN SAVES HER

Iowa State Oil Inspector's Daughter Fears Confinement in Sanitarium.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., May 13 (Special).—Mrs. Mabel Valentine, 49 years old, of Chicago, daughter of State Oil Inspector and Mrs. R. M. Garrison, of Cedar Rapids, attempted to end her life here Sunday by jumping from the Fourth avenue bridge into the Cedar river.

She was rescued by Joseph Hall, city fireman, who was attracted by her screams and the calls of a boy fishing from the bridge.

Fear that she would be taken back to a sanitarium in Milwaukee, Wis., from where she had come home Saturday night, prompted her attempt, she told police. She slipped out of the Garrison home Sunday morning before other members of the family were up and made her way directly to the river. She will recover, physicians say.

END STRIKE.

Denver, Col., May 11 (A. P.)—Striking shopmen of the Denver & Rio Grande western railroad, voted yesterday 849 and 379 to end their strike on terms suggested by Russell Fleming, attorney general of Colorado, and John J. Tobin, of Montrose, state senator, acting as mediator.

The Acid Test.

From the Kansas City Star.

Judge—If your object wasn't to steal chickens, then what were you doing in your neighbor's chicken coop at that time of night?

The Accused—I wanted to test my will power, your honor.

GIRLS TO BE CALLED BY GRAND JURY

Roommate of Leighton Mount Gives Testimony Which Brings Recent Aubere Hazing Death Into Inquiry.

BY WILEY S. SCRIBNER, Universal Service Correspondent. Chicago, May 13.—Pretty coeds of Northwestern college will be questioned in connection with the investigation of the death of Leighton Mount and Louis Aubere.

The decision to question girls of the college was reached at the state's attorney's office Sunday, after Roscoe C. Fitch, college boy and former roommate of Mount, had been grilled for many hours. He claimed to know nothing of Mount's death but admitted he was present when Aubere died in an automobile crash.

Fitch told the authorities Dr. Walter Dill Scott had told fraternity leaders not to talk to anyone regarding the Aubere death.

To Force Testimony.

"This indicates nothing more than a conspiracy of silence and we are going to make them talk," said John Sbarbaro, assistant state's attorney.

With the revelations of Fitch before them the authorities determined to broaden the scope of the investigation to include the coeds. The girls, it was believed, were "in on the secret" and possibly would talk more freely than the college boys. It was expected subpoenas would be issued for the girls to appear before the grand jury.

What the authorities are anxious to establish is whether Fitch was telling the truth when he said Dr. Scott had ordered students not to talk of the Aubere death. According to Fitch, Aubere was being taken out for hazing. He was being held in an automobile and another car was rammed into it to frighten him. He was crushed to death. Fitch was standing on the running board of the death car, according to his statement.

Same Secrecy on Mount. Leighton Mount disappeared on September 22, 1921, in a class rush, two years previous to the tragic death of Louis Aubere, three weeks ago. The authorities believe the same secrecy was thrown about Mount's disappearance and death that veiled the death of Aubere.

The searching investigation into the Mount case has established that he participated in the class rush and was never again seen alive and that the skeleton found under a pier on Lake Michigan was that of the missing student, the investigators claim. The authorities are now trying to establish how Mount came to his death. Facts so far revealed by interrogating scores of witnesses indicate that he was killed intentionally or accidentally, and his body hidden under the pier.

Chief Justice Harry Olson, of the Chicago municipal court, who is a trustee of Northwestern university, said that while the motive for the student's death is not clear, the facts do not indicate suicide. The fact that the body was weighted down with rocks, on the contrary, points to a crime, he believes.

Defends President Scott. Judge Olson has been active in aiding the authorities in their attempt to solve the mystery. He said that Dr. Scott had not tried to hide anything. "He hasn't been trying to hide anything," Judge Olson said. "He had his right to his belief that Mount was a suicide. Of course, later details do not point that way."

Dr. Scott will not be asked to resign from the university, Judge Olson stated.

The executive committee of the board of trustees of Northwestern Saturday voted approval of Dr. Scott's stand.

"The trustees of the university are unanimously with and behind President Scott," the resolution said. "When the conclusion of the present grand jury investigation permits a review of the facts in regard to hazing at Northwestern university, we believe every act of the president in the matter will meet with approval."

4 Balloons Tear Loose Near Paris

Universal Service. Special Wireless Dispatch.

Paris, May 13.—Four balloons entered in the grand prix tore loose in a gale and are now floating empty somewhere over France.

Fourteen other balloons entered from France, Italy and Belgium, started on their race at 4:10 o'clock Sunday afternoon. All of them were veering off toward the sea in a strong wind.

ISSUE OVERSUBSCRIBED.

Washington, May 13.—Subscriptions to last week's offering of \$400,000,000 or thereabouts of 4% per cent. treasury notes total about \$1,000,000,000. Secretary Mellon announced Sunday. The subscription books closed Saturday, except for exchanges of 4% Victory notes, which were reserved in the official circular announcing the offering.

The minimum wage of white women workers in Alabama, South Carolina, Missouri, Rhode Island and Kansas ranges from \$3.80 in Alabama to \$12.65 in Missouri.

NO FAIRY TALES FOR THESE CHILDREN



MacFadden children, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett MacFadden, the former being the "father of physical culture" and multi-millionaire publisher, Mr. MacFadden has challenged Supreme Court Justice John Ford, of New York City, who inspired the so-called "clean books" bill in the New York legislature to a debate. He has eliminated fairy stories in the education of his four beautiful children and lets them read anything which reflects life.

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YOUNG MOTHER ALLEGED SLAYER

Poisoned Brother to Get Life Insurance, Police Charge—Suspected in Two Other Deaths.

Universal Service. Newark, N. J., May 13.—Mrs. John Creighton, 24 years old, held with her husband in the Newark city jail, charged with poisoning her 18-year-old brother, Charles Raymond Avery, to obtain \$1,000 insurance, collapsed Sunday, it was said by the police.

Her baby girl, Ruth, often called "the prettiest child in Newark," has been taken away by friends and, unless she should be released, her second child will be born in jail in six weeks.

"I don't know what I am supposed to have done," she cried. "Oh, I know, I am charged with my brother's death."

Says Brother Ne'er-Do-Well. "All that I know is that he was taken sick. He was ill 10 days. He had lived with us for two years. The night he died the doctor said he was all right. He didn't seem able to keep a job. I made him promise to work steadily and told him if he did I would take out an insurance policy for him. I know people talked and said I didn't treat him well. But I couldn't buy him \$45 suits when he was not working."

Young Avery left \$1,000 insurance, of which his sister was beneficiary. The police say Mrs. Creighton paid for the policy after inducing the boy to take it out. It is the police theory that Avery was fed arsenic slowly in chocolate pudding over a long period.

Will Exhume Bodies. Essex county authorities say Mrs. Creighton's father-in-law and mother-in-law died, soon after her marriage to Creighton, under circumstances regarded as suspicious.

Both bodies are to be exhumed. Toxicologists say that arsenic remains in the body for 10 years.

The case has created a sensation in Newark and the surrounding country. Creighton is a clerk for the Public Service Corporation. He drives a car he inherited from his father to the office daily. His wife came from Rahway, and is described as beautiful. Creighton protests his innocence.

IRVING FISHER'S WEEKLY INDEX

New Haven, Conn., May 13.—Last week's wholesale prices of 200 representative commodities averaged 164 per cent. of the pre-war level, according to Prof. Irving Fisher's weekly index number. The purchasing power of the dollar was 61.1 per cent. This week's index number shows.

Both the commodity prices and the purchasing power of the dollar are relative to the pre-war year 1913. Thus the "low" prices in January, 1922, for instance, exceeded pre-war prices, on the average by 38 per cent. that is, the dollar was worth 72.5 pre-war cents.

A summary of conditions follows:

Year.	Index Purchasing Number.	Power.
1913	100	100.
1920 May (peak prices)	247	40.5
1922 January (low)	138	72.5
1923 1st quarter average	161	62.0
1923 April average	167	59.9
Last week's average	164	61.1

(Mr. Fisher is a noted professor at Yale university. His weekly index is appearing exclusively in *St. Louis City in The Tribune* every Monday. It is the only weekly index of general prices in the world.—Editor's Note.)

NEBRASKA BANKS TO BE TAXED AS USUAL

Lincoln, Neb., May 13.—State Tax Commissioner W. H. Smith has sent instructions to county assessors to tax state and national banks this year the same as in the past, with the single exception of 1922.

He tells assessors to levy tax on the actual value of the shares of capital stock, surplus and undivided profits, but they are not to be assessed as intangible property, as was the case last year.

WIFE OF PRESIDENT OF CZECHO-SLOVAKIA DIES

Universal Service. London, May 13.—The wife of President G. Masaryk, of Czecho-Slovakia, died Sunday morning at Prague, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Carlsbad.

Mrs. Masaryk was born and raised in New York. She was a daughter of former President Garrigue of the Germania Insurance Company. The Masaryks have one son and two daughters.

BAND STILL HOLDING 19 FOREIGNERS

Promise of Release Obtained After Ultimatum by Powers—China Agrees to International Inquiry Into Affair.

Universal Service. Peking, May 11.—Negotiators have entered the lines of the brigands who held up the Shanghai-Peking express and the release of the prisoners is expected by Saturday night. The negotiators brought back the news Friday that there are 19 foreigners still held by the bandits and nine Chinese.

Two victims of the bandit outrage were to arrive in Peking Friday night, in the persons of the sons of Majors Allen and Pinger, who were released and brought back to Lincheng.

Holdup Carefully Plotted. New light on the holdup was obtained Friday night in a message which came from a German engineer in charge of the Chung Hsien colliery near Ichow, close to the brigand's stronghold. It revealed that the express train attack was carefully planned by the bandits.

"The robbers and their prisoners live in well protected caves on the mountain ridge," the engineer reported. "For the past two months this robber stronghold has been besieged by government troops, but the Chinese soldiery did not dare risk their lives in serious assault."

"In the dark night before the outrage, a majority of the robbers went through the besieging lines and called for assistance from smaller brigand bands outside the lines."

Information Received. "The colliery administration received information before the outrage that a capital blow was planned by the brigands against the besieging soldiery but nobody knew where the blow would take place."

"The mining administration called everybody up for defense, thinking the properties might be attacked. Instead came the railroad holdup."

"The robbers, protected by their hostages, went through the besiegers again. Eye witnesses tell that a bunch of the robbers were already on the train when it was halted near Lincheng."

Opinion is divided regarding the treatment of the prisoners as reports are conflicting. Foreign armed intervention is not generally advocated.

Many observers declare that the seriousness of the situation is not fully recognized in foreign circles.

CHINA AGREES TO INQUIRY.

Washington, May 11 (U. P.)—A joint inquiry by representatives of the foreign governments in Peking as to the causes which made possible the capture of American and foreign citizens in Shantung by Chinese bandits has been agreed to by the Chinese government.

The investigation will be made under direction of the council of ministers, which has decided that responsibility for the bandit operations should be established and that it should also be shown whether there was any collusion between the bandits and Chinese government authorities.

Minister Sze said Friday that the bandits were equipped in some cases with automatic firearms that could only have been obtained in violation of the general agreement among the powers that no arms would be permitted to reach lawless bands in China. He suggested, therefore, that the Peking government could not be held entirely responsible and that the foreign governments should take steps to enforce their pledge against arms shipments.

ULTIMATUM PRESENTED.

Peking, May 11 (U. P.)—The diplomatic corps delivered an ultimatum to China Friday, demanding that she Chinese government obtain release of all foreign prisoners held by bandits in the Shantung hills by midnight Friday, Peking time.

Otherwise a heavy progressive indemnity will be imposed.

The powers' ultimatum was presented Wednesday but kept secret until today.

The diplomatic corps does not specify the action that will be pursued in the event that China does not comply with its terms, but it is understood the powers control sufficient income from private properties to enable them to collect indemnity payments.

The Chinese ministry of communications put out word that nine more captives of the Shantung bandits had been released, but the foreign diplomats and consuls have no such information.

Dr. Heimberger, of the Shantung Christian university, has left for Lincheng, guaranteed safe conduct to the mountain strongholds of the Chinese bandits, where he will be conducted to the foreign captives who were taken from the Peking express train last Sunday.

All the captives were reported Friday to be alive but some of them, including J. B. Powell, an American newspaper man were said to be ill. Dr. Heimberger's mission was arranged by American Consul Davis.

BANKRUPT BROKERS ORDERED TO COURT

New York, May 11 (A. P.)—Federal Judge Winslow today signed an order requiring Edward M. Fuller and William F. McGee, partners in the bankrupt brokerage house of E. M. Fuller & Co., now under indictment for bucketing orders, to show cause next Wednesday why they should not be punished for contempt for failure to turn over certain books and papers of the firm which the United States supreme court recently held they had no right to conceal from the authorities.

CLUB WOMEN TAKE STAND AGAINST WAR

Vote Unanimous Approval of International Court, But Withhold Endorsement of Harding Proposal.

Atlanta, Ga., May 11 (U. P.)—The General Federation of Women's clubs, in biennial council here, Friday voted unanimously in favor of a resolution approving settlement of international questions through "a judicial tribunal" and expressing opposition to all wars.

The organization represents 2,000,000 club women in the United States. The resolution stated that "international friction should give way to international understanding," and endorsed all measures to that end.

Harding Request Shelved. No mention was made of President Harding's world court proposal, the delegates agreeing that the council should not go on record as favoring a "partisan plan." President Harding had asked specific endorsement of his plan for American participation in the League of Nations court.

Unanimous endorsement was also given to resolutions providing for rigid enforcement of all laws, particularly the 18th amendment, a child labor amendment to the constitution, a selective immigration bill and a probe into the narcotic evil.

The delegates also went on record as in favor of the Fess bill, providing for an increased congressional appropriation for home economics work, petitions to newspapers to give crime news less prominence, and declared they were opposed to the leasing of convicts to private interests.

A proposal that the general federation become a foundation, with an endowment of several million dollars, will be placed before the board of directors Saturday morning, it was declared.

BROTHER STILL HELD IN PROBE

Coroner's Inquest at Watertown, S. D., Fails to Solve Mystery in William Shanahan Death.

Watertown, S. D., May 11 (Special).—The coroner's inquest here Friday afternoon failed to shed any light on the puzzle which confronts Codington county officials in the death of William Shanahan, who was found dead Wednesday at the farm home 12 miles northwest of here which he shared with his twin brother, Walter.

The coroner's jury found that Shanahan came to his death by means of two shotgun wounds inflicted by an unknown person.

Testimony of neighbors and Sheriff Roy Goss, bore out the theory of suicide, but three surgeons, who performed an autopsy declared, in their opinion, either of Shanahan's wounds would have been so quickly fatal that he could not have lived to reload and fire the single barrel gun at himself again.

Neighbors said they never knew of trouble between the twins. Sheriff Goss declared it was suicide.

Walter Shanahan was examined for more than an hour. He declared his brother refused to go with him for a load of oats the day of the shooting, declaring he wanted to kill himself.

Walter said his brother threatened to kill him and he drove away for help. When he and neighbors returned, William was dead.

State's Attorney Wolheiter has not announced his next step. Walter Shanahan is still in custody.

HERE'S DEEP STUFF ON NEW ODIC RAY

Scientist Says Gravity Can Be Overcome by Discovered "Element."

Los Angeles, May 11 (U. P.)—Gravity can be overcome by the newly discovered odic ray, Edgar L. Hollingshead, scientist, who maintains private laboratories at Pasadena, declared in an interview Friday.

The odic ray proves that electricity is an element, or substance, just as wood, with a definite atomic speed, his conclusions on 20 years of study maintain.

He declared that the odic ray any metal can be made to have a lighter weight than any known gas, without in any way changing its strength.

"By use of its radiation, a photograph can be taken through 1 1/2 inches of solid lead and 5 1/2 inches of solid steel with five seconds exposure."

"The 'new ray,' he told the United Press, "is based on the theory that electricity is an element or substance, with a definite atomic speed."

PRESBYTERIANS APPROVE OF FOSDICK PREACHING

Philadelphia, May 11 (A. P.)—Twenty-three ministers and eight elders of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, in a letter to the Presbyterial general assembly have disapproved the action of the Philadelphia presbytery in objecting to the preachings of the Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick, of New York, it became known today. The general assembly meets in Indianapolis next week.